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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

SUBJECT: Plan for Psychological Operations in the Event  
of a Breakdown of Peace Negotiations in Korea

In the Plan prepared by the PSB to provide psychological operations in the event of a breakdown of Korean negotiations there was included a specific project for the planning and preparation of a leaflet drop over Chinese territory. In considering the Plan the Joint Chiefs concluded, in effect, that an operation of this nature is a normal military task which can readily be planned by CINCPAC at such time as the general situation might make it nationally desirable and feasible. This general situation, however, will be governed by factors not now known and not accurately predictable in advance; such as, national political and military objectives, and actual military capabilities at the particular time.

The Secretary of Defense approved the recommendation of the Joint Chiefs that the leaflet drop over the mainland of China as outlined in the Plan be neither planned nor prepared for at this time. He noted, however, that "the substance of Annexes "B" to "F", inclusive, of subject Plan have been forwarded to CINCPAC for his consideration in the development of plans for the conduct of psychological warfare in support of his military operations, in the event that current armistice negotiations fail."

(signed) William C. Foster

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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